

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SILENT KEYS

Sarlnews regrets to announce that Jorrie Jordaan, ZS6SAJ, passed away on the 5th September after a long period of bad health. He was married to Marie, ZS6VY.

Ian C Papendorf, ZS5ABR, passed away on Sunday the 14th September. He leaves two daughters and a son Robert who arrived from USA to be with his dad and Janet who arrived on Sunday from New Zealand and Delene who stays in Alberton.

Sarlnews sincerely sympathizes with the bereaved relatives and friends of those who passed away.

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In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL.

The news follows in detail:

SARL AND SA AMSAT JOIN FORCES TO CELEBRATE WORLD SPACE WEEK 2003

The South African Radio League and SA AMSAT will be joining forces to celebrate World Space Week 2003, which runs from 4 - 11 October, with a special INTECNET on Sunday 5 October.

“This year’s theme”Horizon beyond Earth” augurs well for amateur radio as we were amongst the first non-governmental group to explore space”, said SARL President Graham Hartlett ZS6GJH.

“When OSCAR 1 was launched in 1961, only 4 years after man’s first ever satellite was launched by the Russians, Amateur Radio established a place for itself in space exploration. Today amateur radio is still involved be it in the design and building of satellites or amateur operation from the International Space Station. Amateurs in Germany are now planning to take amateur radio to Mars.”

“We are pleased to share the INTECNET platform with SA AMSAT on October 5. I am a strong believer that as the National Society of Amateur Radio we need to work together with special interests groups to promote and grow amateur radio in South Africa”, he said.

INTECNET will be on the air on Sunday 5 October 2003 at 20:00 CAT and will feature a historical look at amateur satellites, relive the excitement of South Africa’s first satellite, SUNSAT Oscar 35 and discuss the amateur payload for the next SUNSAT which is in the planning stages.

Clubs wishing to join the network and link their local repeater should send a request to armi@sarl.org.za.

MAY JUNE RADIO ZS AVAILABLE ON SARL WEBSITE

The latest edition of Radio ZS (May June 2003) is available for download on the SARL website. Members may download their copy by visiting www.sarl.org.za.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF 2003 SARL PHONE CONTEST

The 2003 SARL HF Phone contest was held on Sunday 03 August 2003 and here are the provisional results. There were two logs for the multi-operator category and taking top honours is the 3DA0DX DXpedition with 210 points. In second place is ZS6SRC, the club station of the Secunda Amateur Radio Club with 117 points.

A total of 34 logs were submitted for the single operator category. Top honours in this category go to Bernie ZS4TX with 298 points. In the second place is Rudi ZS6DX with 220 points and third is Mickey ZS5QB with 216 points.

The highest score on a single band goes once again to Loius ZS5LP with 113 points on the 40-metre band.

The full list of results has been sent to clubs and branches in a special HF Newsletter. Congratulations to everybody.

RESULTS OF PEARS MICROWAVE AND DIGITAL CONTEST

The overall Digital winner is Hal ZS6WB who claimed 163 957 points and 13 grid squares on the combined bands of 50, 144 and 432 MHz. The runner-up is Nasri ZS1NAZ with 123 776 points. The other scorers who submitted logs are: ZR6DXB - 57 285; ZS2BWB - 44 976; ZS5LEE - 37 838; ZS4SS - 31 512; ZS6ANZ - 28 912; ZS1AGF - 25 670; ZS6AVP - 10 344; and ZS6HS - 4 349 points.

There was only one entry for the Microwave section, Dave ZS1SG who worked ZS1AYJ on 10 GHz and scored 23 points. They failed with their next attempt over a longer distance of 50 Km when one of the transceivers packed up. There were no contacts made on 1 296 MHz or via moonbounce.

It is regretted that Ivo ZS6AXT, the promoter of Microwave activity in South Africa, could not participate in this event. This very first mid-year contest has drawn some of the very top VHF-ers in the country and therefore it could be regarded as a reasonable success. Please note that the next PEARS VHF & UHF contest is planned for the weekend of 23 - 25 January 2004.

SARL 80-METRE QSO PARTY

On Thursday 2 October the second leg of the SARL 80-Metre QSO Party will be on the air. The QSO party starts at 19:00 CAT and ends at 22:00 with SSB activity on the segment 3 600 to 3 650 kHz. The call sign, RS signal report, serial number commencing with 001 and Grid Locator or QTH Location is exchanged. A contact with a ZS station counts for 10 points and a contact with a station outside South Africa counts 15 points.

F CERTIFICATES FROM THE MAY RAE HAVE BEEN POSTED

Certificates for the May 2003 Radio Amateurs' Examination were posted to all successful candidates on Tuesday last week, and should reach everyone within this week.

If you have not received your certificate within two weeks kindly contact the SARL office at 011 673 2393 or email admin@sarl.org.za.

CORRECTIONS: WOLKBERG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB's HF CONTEST

The previous news message bears reference and should be corrected as follows:

Time in Log sheets should reflect UTC and not CAT;

Point allocated should be as follows: CW 2 points, SSB & digital 1. Two (2) points for a ZS1, ZS2, ZS4, ZS5 station, 3 points for ZS3, (.... and the correction...) 1 point for ZS6 (not ZS1) and also 3 points for neighbouring countries.

Hope everybody enjoyed Wolkberg's HF contest. The results will be given in due course.

We are looking forward to the 2004 contest.

OMISSION OF PRICE OF CALLSIGN TAGS FOR SA AWA

In the previous press release the cost of the call sign tags was omitted I regret the error and request if you could please repeat this announcement.

Thanks to the support of the SARL, the Southern African Antique Wireless Association has been allocated the special callsign ZS0AWA (ZS zero awa). The SA AWA meets every Saturday morning at 09:00 CAT on 7070kHz with a relay on 14.175 kHz, beamed to the south from Johannesburg. Membership of the SA AWA is by association, and there is no membership fee.

Amateurs wishing to associate with the SA AWA are requested to order a ZS0AWA call sign badge, gold braid embroidered onto blue cloth, suitable for sewing onto a golf shirt or jacket. Furthermore, you may wish to order your own call sign in the same format. Please place your order for either the AWA and/or your own call sign with Willie Axford, ZS5WI, P.O. Box 1064, Eshowe, 3815 in cash, together with a SASE for return postage. The cost for each of the tags is R20. Funds accumulated from this effort shall be used to pay for annual licence fees and QSL cards.

CLUB NEWS REE STATE ARC

P At the Annual General Meeting of ZS4B, the Free State Amateur Radio Club, held on 20 September, the following persons were elected to serve on the committee:

Chairman: Charl Britz, ZS4FS; Vice Chairman: At de Bruin, ZS4AT; Secretary: Hannelie de Bruin, ZS4HM; Additional member: Badie Badenhorst, ZS4PA, Harrismith area; Additional Member: Kobus Breytenbach, ZS4DD, Goldfields.

OTCHEFSTROOM ARC

The AGM of the Potchefstroom ARC was held on 30 August 2003 and the following members were elected to serve on the committee:

Chairman: Joe Mayer, ZS6ANW; Vice Chairman: Chris Viljoen, ZS6BYQ; Treasurer: Chris Viljoen, ZS6BYQ; Secretary: Bill van der Walt, ZS6WDV; Additional members:- Petrus du Plessis, ZR6DPH; Henk Langenhoven, ZS6PHM; Henry Jordaan, ZS6BPQ; Rennie van Rensburg, ZS6RAN; Hennie van Zyl, ZR6AVE.

committee SARThe Council of the SARL wishes to thank the outgoing L 80-METREmembers and congratulates the new committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER SARL 80 METRE QSO PARTY on Thursday 2 October. NARC open day 4 October. Pretoria club flea-market 4 October. Special INTECNET on Sunday 5 October. RAE to be held on 16 October

and invigilators must register! The cut off date for membership renewals is 31 October.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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